[illegible] INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE BUSH, JULY 17,1976

NDER FOR REUSES THAT CANNOT BE SUBSTANTIATED. BUT MUCH MORE CRITICAL IN MY VIEW CRIMIN AL THAN THAT IS , THIS TENDENCY TO PUBLISH NAMES OF LOYAL AMERICANS SERVING ABROAD AND I THINK IT IS DISGRACEFUL, I THINK IT'S THE WORST WORD TO USE ON IT BUT IT IS THE WAY I FEEL AND THOSE THAT DO IT. I WISH WE HAD STRONGER LAWS TO PROSECUTE THEM, BUT WE DO N'T THE CONGRESS ISN'T IN THE MOOD TO DO THAT AND I JUST THINK IT'S DISGRACEFUL. BRUD NOY: I DO TOO I THINK THE WORST WORD IS ONE WE CAN'T USE OVER THE AIR, BUT I'M SURE Y OU HAVE FRIENDS HERE BOTH ON THIS END OF THE MICROPHONE AND LISTENING OUT THERE. I KNO W YOU HAVE TO GO QUICKLY, SO I WANT TO ASK YOU, IF I MIGHT JUST ONE OR TWO MORE BRIEF QUE
STIONS. YOU HAVE BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO STAY WITH US THIS LONG. I DON'T WANT TO ASK ANYTH ING THAT WOULD PROVOKE FROM YOU A -NO COMMENT- BECAUSE IT'S A SECURITY QUESTION AND SO I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO ANY SPECIFICS. BUT WE HAVE HEARD SO MANY PARANOID STORIES A BOUT CIA INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATIONS IN VARIOUS OF OUR LEADERS OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. WHEN YOU CAME INTO THE OFFICE PARTLY AS A CLEANING UP OPERATION BECAUSE YOU CA ME IN WITH AN UNSULLIED REPUTATION WHICH UNFORTUNATELY, YOUR PREDECESSOR, THROUGH NO F AULT OF HIS OWN, DID NOT HAVE. DID YOU FIND ANY HINT THAT THE U.S GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE CIA HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY FORM OF ASSASSINATION ANYWHERE, EITHER THAN OF OTHER EN EMY AGENTS, WHICH I KNOW GOES ON IN ALL ESPIONAGE AGENCIES. BUSH: WELL, THE ONLY THING I'VE FOUND IS WHAT'S BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT AND THERE HAS NOT BEEN AN ASSASSINATION OF THIS NATURE, CERTAINLY THAT I KNOW OF. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME P LOTTING THAT HAS COME OUT AND VERY, VERY LIMITED AND I WOULD SIMPLY SAY THAT THE ANSWE R TO THE QUESTION IS NO. BUT I WOULD REFER YOUR LISTENERS TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE REPO RT, AND THERE SOME ASSASSINATION IS DISCUSSED THERE AND THEY WILL SEE IF THEY READ IT AND READ IT OPENLY AND HONESTLY THAT ALL THESE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THE CIA INVOLVED IN T HE ASSASSINATION OF FOREIGN LEADERS IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE. THERE WAS SOME ISOLATED INCIDEN TS OF PLOTTING BUT TO MY KNOWLEDGE THERE WAS NOT ANY ASSASSINATION THAT'S BEEN LAYED A T THE DOORSTEP OF THE CIA. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH IT. SO I THINK WE ARE IN BETTER SHAPE ON THAT THAN PUBLIC OPINION WOULD HAVE PEOPLE BELIEVE. BRUDNOY: I THINK SO TOO, I WAS WONDERING IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY CONFIRMATION IN CIA INFORMATION OF THE S TORY PUT FORWARD BY FRANK STURGIS THAT JACK RUBY HAD MET WITH FIDEL CASTRO AND TALKED ABOUT KILLING KENNEDY. THIS WOULD NOT HAVE IMPLIED A CIA ACTIVITY, BUT IN CIA INVESTIG ATIONS. BUSH: NO, THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION OR I HAVEN'T FRANKLY LOOKED INTO THAT SO I. HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF IT. I DO NOTE THAT IT WAS CARRIED THAT STURGIS WAS CIA AGENT A ND THIS SIMPLY IS NOT TRUE AND THE STORY IS REPEATED AND REPEATED AND REPEATED AND IT' S NOT TRUE. BRUDNOY: TWO MORE QUESTIONS, ONE DIPLOMATIC AND ONE PERSONAL. IS IT TRUE T HAT THERE IS SOME SAFEGUARD, SOME FAILSAFE DEVICE TO STOP A CRAZED PRESIDENT? WE HAVEN 'T HAD ANY I DON'T BELIEVE EVEN THE ONE WHO LEFT IN DISGRACE. BUT A CRAZED PRESIDENT I N ORDERING THE CIA TO DO SOMET

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